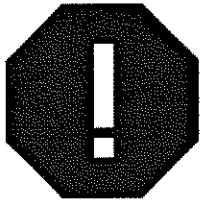


# Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Application

You must print, notarize, and return this application by June 1, 2020.



Your application is almost done. You must print and sign the last page of this application in the presence of a notary. Then you must return it to the Department of State. **You can come back to print this application via the online portal at any time.**

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## Voter registration

Are you currently registered, or will you be registered by August 15, 2020?

YES

## You are not eligible to serve on the Commission if you answer "Yes" to any of the following:

(1) I am now, or have been at any time since August 15, 2014,

- (a) A declared candidate for partisan election office in federal, state, or local office. NO
- (b) An elected official to partisan federal, state, or local office. NO
- (c) An officer or member of the governing body of a national, state, or local political party. NO
- (d) A paid consultant or employee of a federal, state, or local elected official or political candidate, campaign, or political action committee. NO
- (e) An employee of the legislature. NO
- (f) A lobbyist agent registered with the Michigan Bureau of Elections. NO
- (g) An employee of a lobbyist registered with the Michigan Bureau of Elections. NO
- (h) An unclassified state employee pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Michigan Constitution NO  
*Note: If you are an employee of courts of record, employee of the state institutions of higher education, or person in the armed forces of the state, you are still eligible to serve on the Commission. You should answer "No" to this prompt.*

(2) I am a parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, or spouse of a person to whom sections (a) through (h), above, would apply. NO

(3) I am disqualified for appointed or elected office in Michigan. NO

## How this application will be used

I understand that if randomly selected as one of 200 semi-finalists, the contents of this application (except my street address, email, and phone number) will be made available to the public.

YES, I Understand

I understand that while this application is a public document, my email and phone number will be kept confidential to the extent authorized by law.

YES, I Understand

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## Indicate whether you agree to the following conditions if you're appointed to the Commission:

- (a) If selected to serve on the Commission, you will be not be eligible to hold a partisan elective office at the state, county, city, village, or township level in Michigan for five (5) years. Do you understand that by serving on the Commission you are ineligible to hold these elected offices for five (5) years after you are selected to the Commission? YES
- (b) Serving on the Commission will require a time commitment of more than one year, including periods of both part-time and full-time work (approximately 10 – 40+ hours per week). The Commission must conduct open meetings. Most commissioners (at least 9 of 13) must be present at each meeting. Are you able to dedicate the necessary time to fulfill your duties as commissioner in addition to your other personal and work obligations? YES  
*Note: Like jury duty, your employer cannot fire you for serving on this commission.*
- (c) Each commissioner will receive compensation. The amount is set by law at approximately \$40,000. With this financial expectation in mind, will you be able to serve on the Commission? YES
- (d) Being a commissioner also requires travel to at least 15 public hearings across Michigan. With travel expectations in mind, will you be able to serve on the Commission? YES
- (e) The Michigan Constitution states, "Each commissioner shall perform his or her duties in a manner that is impartial and reinforces public confidence in the integrity of the redistricting process." If selected, are you able to conduct yourself accordingly? YES
- (f) The Constitution specifies redistricting maps adopted by the Commission must receive a majority vote, and support from at least two commissioners of each political party affiliation (Democratic, Republican, and unaffiliated). If selected, do you believe you will be able to collaborate with fellow commissioners to reach consensus? YES

## Political Affiliation

I do not affiliate with either the Republican or Democratic Party.

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## Applicant Information

**Name**

mark zausmer

**Date of Birth (MM/YYYY)**

12/1954

**Race**

White

**Sex**

Male

**Residential Address**

[REDACTED]  
west bloomfield MI 48324

**Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?**

NO

**Mailing Address (if applicable)**

[REDACTED]

**Contact Information**

[REDACTED]

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## Why do you want to serve on the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission?

I have been involved in political issues from the time I was in high school until today. I have supported and voted for democratic and republican candidates. I believe that this commission is essential to the democratic process. It is only through fair and balanced districts that our democracy can operate as intended. The current districts promote extreme political representatives and in my view this is not conducive to cooperative legislative decision making. By promoting competitive districts it should force representatives to work together toward a consensus. That is much more likely to lead to good government and less political extremism.

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## **Describe why or how you affiliate with either the Democratic Party, Republican Party, or why you don't affiliate with either.**

My earliest political involvement was for a democratic State Senator who I knocked doors for while in high school. I worked on many political campaigns initially on the democratic side. As I got older I began to be disenchanted with some of the more liberal tendencies of the democratic party and I supported many republicans both financially and otherwise. I was personally close to Governor Granholm and actively supported her candidacies for attorney general and governor. I then actively supported Rick Snyder for governor in both of his campaigns as I thought he was the best political leader that I have seen on either side of the aisle. My view was that he had no personal agenda and promoted policies that were solely intended to benefit the state of Michigan. I consider myself an independent. I vote for and support financially candidates who can work across the aisle and are educated and have a career of achievement. Because I support some policies of each party there is never going to be a perfect candidate for me. So I believe in supporting smart, experienced and qualified candidates no matter what party they are affiliated with.

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Sign and sworn before me in Oakland  
County, Michigan.

Print name exactly as it appears on notary application:

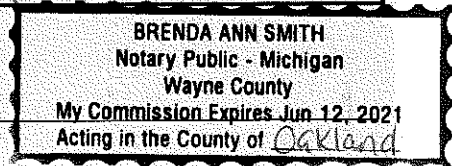
Brenda Ann Smith

Sign exactly as it appears on notary application:

<u>Brenda Ann Smith</u>
Today's date   1   0     2   9     2   0     1   9

Notary Public, State of Michigan (print county commission)

Wayne



Commission expiration date:

06-12-2021

Acting in the county of:

Oakland

**Step 2:** You complete the section below. *This must be done in the presence of the notary.*

Print name below:

Mark S. Zausmer

Sign and date below. *This must be done in the presence of the notary.*

By signing below, I swear or affirm that the answers provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge, and in particular attest that my political party affiliation as represented in this application is accurate.

X	[Redacted Signature]
Today's date	1   0     2   9     2   0     1   9